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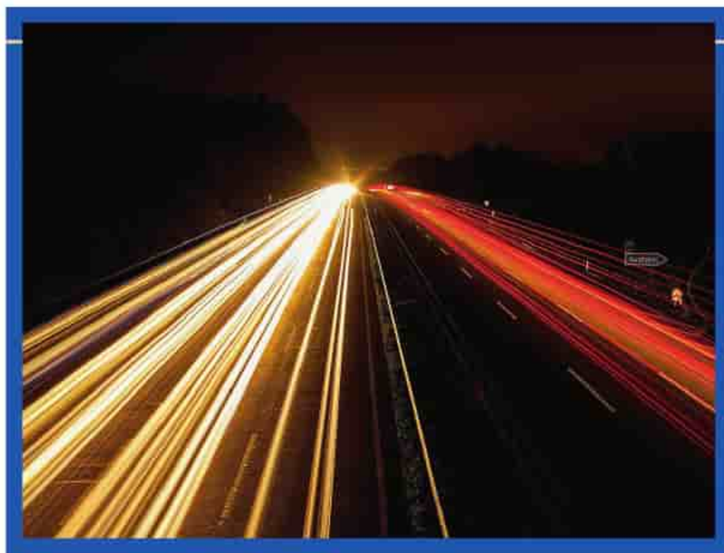
Arrest of postal assistant for swindling 5 customers raises alarm over safety of public money in govt institutions



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NOT NICE

Recent toll hike on NICE Road sparks anger as commuters say road is filled with pothole-ridden stretches and zero amenities

'Survey is completed' messages on stickers pasted outside homes create flutter as citizens wonder what is going on with census; govt promptly issues clarification

STICKER BECOMES SURVEY STICKING POINT

Call helpline for follow-up visit if nobody spoke to you

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Despite Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner's assurance that a comprehensive survey would be conducted to identify Scheduled Caste (SC) households in Bengaluru, the workers assigned for survey work have managed to create an aura of confusion in the city. Several citizens were shocked to find stickers stuck on their doors, with no interaction or enquiries with the residents of the houses.

As these stickers started cropping up at more and more houses, social media and other forums exploded, with the government having to come out with a clarification -- these stickers are only meant to mark survey visits and should be stuck on only after direct interaction with household members. In rare cases where this protocol was not followed, residents are encouraged to call the helpline at 9481359000 to request a proper follow-up visit.

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> **"Survey teams have been clearly instructed not to place stickers unless they interact with someone from the household. However, we acknowledge there may have been a few instances where this was not followed**
>
> —Govt clarification

Sunny side up

BBMP's rooftop solar feasibility study reveals 60% of its buildings have potential to harness energy that can satisfy 70% of its power needs

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A rooftop solar feasibility study undertaken by the Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management Cell of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has revealed that nearly 60% of the BBMP buildings in the city have the potential to harness solar energy, which may account for up to 70% of their total power consumption.

The preliminary report based on data collected for 742 BBMP buildings across all eight zones using drone flights shows that 110 buildings are unviable for the installation of solar panels due to reasons including unsuitable roof structures, sanctioned loads below 0.5 kW, and significant shading. However, as many as 443 buildings are suitable for solar panel installation.

In some areas not suitable for drone flying, such as Yelahanka, satellite images are being considered for the analysis.

Among the viable buildings, 80 BBMP buildings have been identified as priority buildings, those

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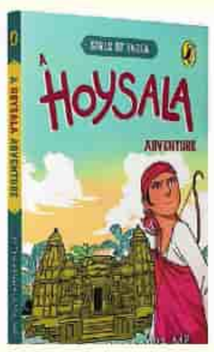
THINGS TO DO

01 Sing it out

SOCIAL is introducing 'Midweek Karaoke Nights' where guests can sing everything from nostalgic Bollywood hits to crowd-favourite pop anthems. Electronic City and JP Nagar outlets will be hosting weekly sessions led by local karaoke mainstay Nick Jose. **Where: E-City SOCIAL: Wednesdays, JP Nagar SOCIAL: Thursdays; 8 pm onwards**

02 Historical adventure



Atta Galatta is organising an interactive session with Nitin Kushalappa, who will be taking the audience on a thrilling medieval adventure with his historical fiction work 'A Hoysala Adventure'. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: July 6, 4 pm**

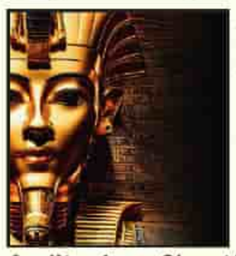
03 Saga of life

Museum of Art and Photography is presenting 'Maati Katha', a celebration of human resilience in the midst of fragility—a resilience that enables diverse communities to hold together through repeated upheavals of natural calamity and human violence. **Where: Museum of Art and Photography, Ashok Nagar; When: July 5, 5.30 pm**

04 Artistic journey

Bharati Sagar, a Bangalore based senior artist is doing a solo show titled 'A Tryst with Nature', that aims to compel the viewer to create a story and to enter a world of fantasy in a tryst with nature's beings. **Where: MKF Museum of Art, Lavelle Road; When: June 21 to July 2, 11 am to 6.30 pm**

05 Pitch perfect



A first-of-its-kind all-male pop opera will be premiering, bringing together over 100 male vocalists from across the city, creating a rich sonic landscape that redefines how musicals are experienced in India. **Where: Good Shepherd Auditorium, Shanthala Nagar; When: July 17 to 19**

Dirty school premises put students' health at risk

Parents flag concern over area turning into dumpyard, with children being consistently exposed to dust and toxic fumes generated from burning of waste

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Heap of garbage accumulated next to the Government Lower Primary School in Laxman Murthy Nagar

For the past one year, private vehicles have been dumping all kinds of waste next to the Government Lower Primary School in Laxman Murthy Nagar.

The garbage dump, including household waste and construction and demolition debris, has turned into a small mount, raising a stink around the clock.

The situation has worsened to a point that parents are worried about the health of the 64 students studying there. Dust from the C&D waste, toxic fumes from burning plastic and vehicle tyres, and fear of snakes and mosquitoes are some concerns lingering.

"A lot of construction and demolition waste is dumped in the vacant plot regularly," said a concerned parent, adding that every time that happens, there is a dust plume entering the school campus and classrooms. "A lot of garbage has been dumped on the ground over the past many months, increasing the height of the land and clogging drains. Thus, when it rains, water gushes inside the school compound," highlighted the parent. School authorities and parents expressed grave concern over the toxic fumes generated from the burning of the waste, which includes tyres and plastic.

"When the garbage heap, including plastic waste, becomes too tall and the stench is unbearable, locals set fire to it. This leads to thick black smoke entering classrooms. Students of this school are young, and inhaling this toxic smoke is not good for their health," lamented another parent. Some parents say they have even seen snakes slithering inside the school campus. Reportedly, the area has also turned into an open urination spot for passers-by and BBMP's pourakarmikas.

Locals say that while the issue has been highlighted to officials concerned from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on multiple occasions, help has not arrived so far

"We have witnessed the headmistress of the school asking pourakarmikas to not urinate in the vacant plot as it is adjacent to the school campus," said another parent. The parent also pointed out that garbage and waterlogging have created a mosquito menace in the school. "We are concerned about the health of the children as it is dengue season," the parent added.

"Students attend school assembly every day, while inhaling foul stench and toxic fumes," said another parent, adding that although BBMP's garbage collection is happening regularly, many locals are in the habit of dumping household waste in the vacant plot. "The school also faces security concerns due to the raised ground level from the garbage," said the parent.

Locals say that while the issue has been highlighted to concerned officials from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on multiple occasions, help has not arrived so far.

Delayed e-Khatas stall property work

In Bengaluru, the rollout of e-Khata — a digital property document system essential for property sales, building approvals, and ownership regularisation — has encountered serious challenges. Launched citywide in 2024 and accessible through Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) offices, Bengaluru One centres, and public drives, the system was intended to simplify property documentation and prevent fraud. However, residents report severe delays due to server downtime, document mismatches, and lack of correction options for errors in draft e-Khatas. Although around 25 lakh properties are listed with draft e-Khatas online, only 5.34 lakh

have been officially approved so far. With no reliable mechanism to fix application issues, nearly 75% of property owners are unable to even submit their applications, leaving the digitisation effort in disarray.

Adding to the challenges, over five lakh properties in Bengaluru still lack any official BBMP Khata, yet transactions continue through sub-registrar offices. Although 24,000 owners have applied for new e-Khatas, the process remains slow due to detailed document verification. Officials admit backend glitches and technical flaws are causing delays, estimating that new khatas may take at least another month. Meanwhile, rising complaints suggest that revenue staff are not providing adequate guidance, leaving many citizens confused, frustrated, and unable to navigate the system effectively.

— BMB

School associations oppose CM's push for two-language policy

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Several private school associations across Karnataka have strongly objected to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's recent endorsement of a two-language policy for the state, warning that any move to dilute or withdraw the existing three-language policy would be "scientifically, legally, and educationally regressive."

In a detailed letter addressed to the Chief Minister, the Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka (KAMS) has urged the state government to uphold Karnataka's current three-language policy, which they say is aligned with constitutional values, supports linguistic diversity, and enhances students' cognitive development. They emphasised that the policy empowers students to learn Kannada as the regional language, English as a global medium, and a third language based on

parental and student choice — often Hindi, Sanskrit, or another Indian language.

"No individual language, whether Hindi, Sanskrit, or any other, should be imposed forcefully," the statement read. "At the same time, students must have the opportunity to learn multiple languages with academic flexibility," said D Shashi Kumar, General Secretary of KAMS. Citing multiple judgments from the Supreme Court, he said that any attempt to curtail parental choice or reduce linguistic autonomy would violate Articles 19(1) (a), 21, and 30 of the Constitution. The current model, they argued,

"Multilingual students exhibit improved memory, reasoning, attention, and mental flexibility. Early exposure to multiple languages boosts metalinguistic awareness and delays cognitive decline – Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka, in their letter to the Chief Minister

respects constitutional mandates and promotes educational equity.

Backing their argument with extensive scientific research, KAMS referenced global and Indian studies demonstrating the cognitive and neurodevelopmental benefits of multilingual education. "Multilingual students exhibit improved memory, reasoning, attention, and mental flexibility. Early exposure to multiple languages boosts metalinguistic awareness and delays cognitive decline," the letter stated, citing studies from Bialystok, Cummins, and Indian data sources like LASI DAD 2022. They also addressed common myths, noting that temporary delays in vocabulary or code-switching in bilingual children are natural and typically resolve with continued exposure.

"We urge the government to retain the three-language policy to promote balanced linguistic development through Kannada, English, and a third language of the student's choice; to refrain from imposing Hindi or any other language, emphasising that language learning must remain free from political influence; and to reduce academic pressure by introducing flexible third language assessment norms, following the example of states like Kerala," said KAMS. Additionally, they urged the Chief Minister to adopt a child-centric, research-based, and constitutionally compliant approach, stating that Karnataka's three-language policy is a successful model of balancing regional pride with national and global readiness.

More than letters lost: Depositors hit by fraud

Postal assistant is booked for siphoning ₹11.8 lakh; fraud raises concerns over accountability in govt-run financial institutions

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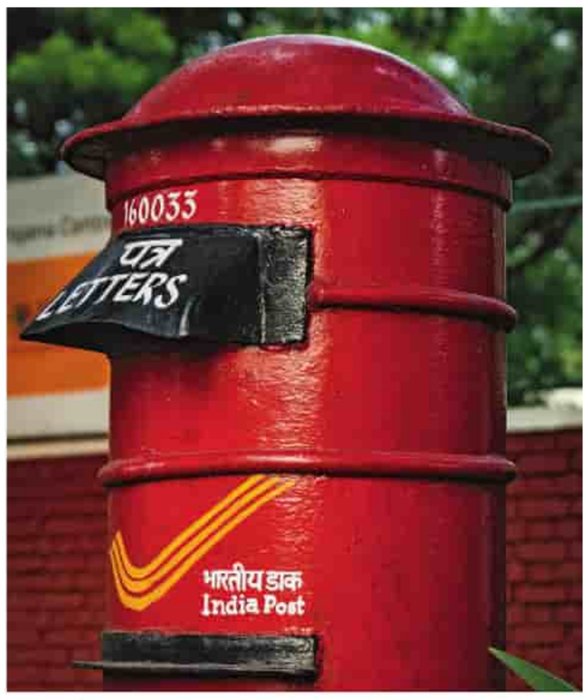
A postal assistant at the Banashankari 2nd Stage Post Office has been arrested for allegedly swindling over ₹11.8 lakh from the accounts of five unsuspecting customers, including senior citizens and a minor. The case has raised alarm over the safety and accountability of public money handled within government-run financial institutions.

According to the complaint filed by the Assistant Superintendent of Post, the accused, who served as a Postal Assistant from April 2021 to June 2024, exploited her position of trust and access to customer accounts to divert funds fraudulently. The accused allegedly manipulated five customers into believing that their savings would be invested in legitimate government schemes such as Fixed Deposits, the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana, and the Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme.

Between January 17 and June 11 this year, she is said to have illegally withdrawn funds from their accounts, in some cases by forging signatures, and in others by fraudulently obtaining them under false pretences. No actual deposits were made into the promised schemes. Instead, the money was siphoned off for personal gain, with the victims remaining unaware until routine internal audits flagged the irregularities.

Postal authorities immediately launched an internal inquiry and lodged a complaint with the police. The accused was tracked down and arrested, and the misappropriated money has since been recovered, according to the police officials. Her actions fall under serious charges, including Section 409 of the IPC (criminal breach of trust by a public servant) and Section 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property).

This case has reignited debate around the robustness of security and auditing mechanisms within post offices, which continue to serve as key banking points for lakhs of citizens, especially the elderly, women, and those from economically weaker sections, who depend on these services due to their accessibility and government backing.



Experts warn staff reliance leaves customers vulnerable

> **The accused allegedly misled five customers into believing their savings were invested in government schemes like Fixed Deposits, Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana, and Senior Citizens' Scheme**

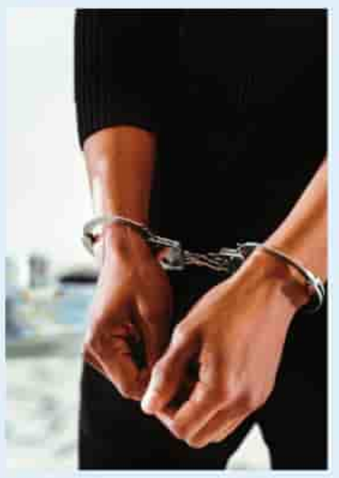
Experts point out that despite the digitalisation of postal banking, loopholes in physical verification processes and excessive dependence on individual staff members can make customers vulnerable.

CRIME FILES

Techie caught secretly filming woman, arrested

The Electronic City police on Wednesday arrested a 30-year-old software engineer for allegedly filming his female colleagues inside a washroom on the Infosys campus.

The accused, Swapnil Nagesh, is a technical analyst who joined the company three months ago. The incident took place on Monday, when the complainant, a technical test lead, had reported to the office as part of a compulsory work-from-office policy. She went to the washroom and noticed, through the mirror's reflection, a man in the adjacent washroom attempting to film her.



Acting swiftly, she climbed the commode and caught the accused red-handed, standing on his commode and filming her. As she raised an alarm, the accused fled. The HR team detained him soon after and deleted the videos.

The victim later approached the police. Investigators were able to recover two deleted videos from the device's bin folder. The mobile phone has been sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) for further analysis.

The accused has been booked under IPC Section 66E (violation of privacy) and Section 77 (voyeurism) based on a complaint filed by the victim.

"We are aware of this incident and have taken necessary action against the employee, who is now separated from the Company. We also promptly supported the complainant by facilitating a swift complaint with the law enforcement authorities and continue to cooperate as they investigate further. Infosys is committed to providing an environment free of harassment and has a zero-tolerance policy. We take every complaint related to any violation of the Company's Code of Conduct seriously," the Company stated. –BMB

Drunk driving check turns chaotic

A drunk driving check near Cash Pharmacy Junction in the early hours of June 29 escalated after a group of five individuals reportedly intervened in the operation and levelled allegations against the police.

According to the complaint filed at the police station, a team of officers, HC Prasanna Kumar, HC Satish, HC Mahantesh, PC Sadruddin, and PC Ningappa, were conducting a drink-and-drive enforcement drive near Konark Hotel, as directed by the control room and senior officials.

At around 1 am, a car carrying three men and two women arrived at the checkpoint. The driver, identified as V Sharan, was found to be under the influence of alcohol through both proactive and active breathalyser testing. However, when the officers attempted to serve a notice and seize the vehicle, the situation took a turn.

The two other male occupants, Varun and Niranjan, allegedly began arguing with the police, accused them of misbehaving with the women in the car, and recorded videos of the incident. The police, however, have termed these accusations as false and an attempt to derail the lawful discharge of their duties.

The control room was alerted, and a Hoysala patrol vehicle was rushed to the scene. Despite this, the group reportedly continued to hurl abuse and obstruct officers, even attempting to incite the women to lodge false complaints against the police.

Officials confirmed that CCTV and body-worn camera footage are being reviewed, and notices have been sent to the accused as part of the investigation. While proceedings have been initiated against the group for obstructing public servants, using abusive language, and making false allegations, the absence of a woman constable in the Hoysala vehicle dispatched, despite the involvement of two women, has raised questions about standard protocol, which should also be looked into. Further investigations are ongoing. –BMB

Bike taxis get Central nod

The Central Government has officially approved bike taxi services nationwide, enabling aggregators to utilise private two-wheelers for passenger transportation. However, the implementation of these services will still require approval from individual state governments. The decision comes amid ongoing protests in Karnataka, where the state government recently banned bike taxis, prompting backlash from both aggregators and users.

The Union Ministry of Road Transport released the Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines 2025 under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. This marks the first time the Centre has formally permitted the use of private bikes for taxi services. The guidelines empower state governments to authorise aggregators to operate such services, while also allowing them to impose fees for daily, weekly, or 15-day permits.

According to the Centre, enabling bike taxi services will help ease traffic congestion, make travel more affordable, improve last-mile connectivity, and create livelihood opportunities. While the Centre has laid the groundwork, the final decision lies with states like Karnataka, which must now decide whether to lift the ban and adopt the new framework. –BMB

Women back bike taxi safety in HC

In a significant hearing on the ongoing ban on bike taxis in Karnataka, women commuters appeared before the High Court on Wednesday, asserting that the two-wheeler service is not only affordable and convenient but also among the safest travel options for them.

The division bench comprising Acting Chief Justice V Kameswar Rao and Justice C M Joshi was hearing a batch of appeals filed by bike taxi aggregators—Ola, Uber, and Rapido—challenging a single judge's April order that effectively blocked their operations.

The earlier ruling had held that, in the absence of specific guidelines under Section 93 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, aggregators could not legally offer bike taxi services in the state. Senior Advocate Jayna Kothari, appearing for a woman commuter seeking to be impleaded in the case, urged the court to consider the voices of women who rely on bike taxis daily. "We, as women, want this service to continue. We should be heard before decisions like this are made," Kothari submitted, emphasising that for many women, the service is cost-effective and perceived to be safer transport option. –BMB

Dr Savitha Rani M, popularly known as the "AQUA QUEEN", was honored with the prestigious title "National Icon Jalayoga." The award was presented by the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thaawarchand Geholt.

Pay more, get less: Toll hike not NICE, say commuters

15% toll hike on NICE Road has triggered outrage among Bengaluru commuters, who say they're being overcharged for poor infrastructure and zero alternatives

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A recent toll hike on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor (NICE Road) has angered commuters and netizens, who accuse the operator of exploiting motorists due to the lack of alternative routes. The revised rates, implemented this week, show a nearly 15% increase across vehicle categories. Two-wheeler and car users now pay significantly more, even for short stretches. Many have called the hike unjustified, citing the absence of improved facilities, services, or any discounts for frequent users.

Krishna K, a daily commuter, voiced his frustration. "I drove my two-wheeler from Magadi Road to Tumakuru Road on Sunday by paying Rs 15, but now I have to pay Rs 25 for the same stretch. Worse, this road has no concessions for same-day return travel or daily passes like on national highways. If this trend continues, soon, one has to shell out Rs 1,000 just to drive from Tumakuru Road to Hosur Road."

The backlash is strong online too. X user SrinagarSubbu wrote: "NICE has hiked tolls by 15% while inflation is just 4.6%. They're exploiting Bengalureans who have no alternative route. Did NICE give farmers a 15% hike when their land was forcibly taken?" His post reflects growing public anger over toll hikes and lack of transparency in the system.

NICE has hiked tolls by 15% while inflation is just 4.6%

> "Why should we pay premium tolls for pothole-ridden roads with zero public amenities? The stretch isn't even well-lit at night
> –Preethi Rao, Banashankari resident

Others expressed similar concerns

"Why should we pay premium tolls for pothole-ridden roads with zero public amenities? The stretch isn't even well-lit at night," wrote Preethi Rao, a Banashankari resident. "This is daylight robbery. No transparency, no accountability, and no value for our hard-earned money," said techie Vivek R, who travels daily through NICE Road for his office commute. "Every time fuel prices go up, tolls go up—but my salary stays the same," joked Arvind Suresh, another X user. With mounting public anger, citizen groups are demanding that the state government review the toll structure and explore alternative routes to reduce dependency on NICE Road. Until then, Bengalureans are left fuming—and paying.

BMRCL depots get boost ahead of expansion

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is set to upgrade its existing metro depots to support the addition of 21 new trains on the Green and Purple Lines. Currently, operations are managed from depots at Peenya, Kadugodi (Whitefield), and Baiyappanahalli, with an additional facility at Hebbagodi for the Yellow Line. A major focus is on enhancing capacity at the Peenya depot, including the construction of a new three-car bogie pit line and an upgraded internal cleaning system to service the longer six-coach trains. Tenders have been floated for the ₹1.94 crore upgrade, while Baiyappanahalli depot is being reconstructed with a two-level maintenance system at a cost of ₹249.15 crore.

A BMRCL official stated that each metro train now weighs up to 140 tonnes and operates with six coaches, making the older three-coach pit lines insufficient for timely inspections and upkeep. "We're forced to conduct partial checks in phases, which is inefficient and time-consuming. The planned upgrades will allow full-train inspections at once, saving hours and helping avoid technical delays," the official said. BMRCL currently operates 58 trains across the Green and Purple Lines, with 5–6 trains held in reserve. With 21 new trains (126 coaches) set to arrive from Kolkata-based Titagarh Rail Systems, operational pressure is set to rise. Daily depot maintenance includes an external auto-wash and internal cleaning by 6–8 workers, taking 6–7 hours per train and costing ₹2,000–₹3,000 — underscoring the need for faster infrastructure.

–BMB

21 new trains are expected from Titagarh Rail Systems in Kolkata

Minimum auto fare may go up to ₹36

Auto unions seek ₹40 minimum fare and ₹20 per additional km

Auto rickshaw meter fare revision may become expensive with the proposal already submitted to the state government. As per the new recommendation, the minimum fare for the first 1.9 km is proposed to be increased from the current ₹30 to ₹36, and the fare for every subsequent kilometre from ₹15 to ₹18. The proposal was drafted based on the recommendations of a five-member committee and submitted by Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner G Jagadeesha, who also serves as the District Transport Authority (DTA). Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy has approved the proposal, which has now been sent to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for final clearance. Earlier in March, feedback was collected from various stakeholders including commuter groups and auto driver unions. Auto unions had demanded a minimum fare of ₹40 for the first 1.9 km and ₹20 for every additional kilometre. However, the DTA approved a 20% hike, settling at ₹36 and ₹18 respectively.

–BMB

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Pedestrian peril
Mathikere

Unfinished cable installation work on Pipeline Road in Mathikere poses risks to both pedestrians and motorists. The stretch becomes especially dangerous during rains, making it hard to navigate and increasing chances of accidents.

Vehicle nuisance
Adugodi

An abandoned car has been left for over a month at the BMTC stop opposite Adugodi Police Station, inside the police quarters. It disrupts bus flow and worsens congestion during peak hours, troubling commuters.

Drain menace
Koramangala

Broken drain slabs near Liberty Bar in Koramangala pose a serious risk to pedestrians and motorists alike. Immediate civic intervention is necessary to prevent accidents and ensure safety on this busy stretch.

Shut road, shut shops: Traders bear the brunt

White-topping delay between Hosahalli Metro and BBMP Bazaar causes traffic chaos, hits businesses; daily struggles for commuters, shopkeepers, and students

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The ongoing white-topping of a stretch between Hosahalli Metro Station and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Bazaar on the West of Chord Road has become a nightmare for commuters and motorists. The shop owners on the service road are incurring a loss as the number of footfalls has decreased due to traffic congestion.

The motorists said the white-topping work was commenced more than three months ago, and the BBMP authorities have failed to complete the work on time, thus causing a lot of inconvenience to the pedestrians, motorists and commuters.

"How can I expect customers to visit my shop, risking their lives due to the traffic on the service road? I have incurred a huge loss due to the delay in completing the white-topping and opening the road for the public. I appeal to the BBMP authorities to complete the pending work and open the road for vehicular traffic," said a shop owner pleading anonymity.

There are a few schools on this stretch, and students are struggling significantly to cross the road to reach the nearest bus stop to go home. "We are worried about the safety of our students. The service road is not meant for heavy vehicles. Many BMTC buses are plying on this service road, thus causing traffic jams during the peak hours. The major portion of the white-topping work is completed. We appeal to the BBMP authorities and the traffic police to open the completed portion of the road for motorists. It will avoid motorists taking the roundabout route to take the right turn to proceed towards Nagarabhavi and other areas," said a teacher.

Service road is narrow and choked due to pending work

> **"I have incurred huge loss due to delay in completing white-topping and opening road for public. I appeal authorities to complete the pending work** –Shop owner

Coming down heavily on the BBMP authorities and elected representative for the traffic jams on the service road, K Umesh Shetty, who contested on a BJP ticket from Govindarajanagar to the State Assembly in 2023, said the street vendors and the elected representative have to be blamed for the chaos on the service road. "The elected representative made the BBMP spend crores of rupees to construct the AC Market by spending a huge amount. The purpose of the AC Market was to shift the street vendors from the service road. However, no street vendor evinced interest to relocate at the AC Market due to a lack of footfall. I have been facing a lot of problems reaching my office every day due to the closure of the main road," said Umesh Shetty.

However, Vijay Nagar MLA M Krishnappa said that he would look into the matter. "I will speak with the BBMP engineers. The road will be opened for traffic shortly," he said.

BBMP Chief Engineer (Road Infrastructure) M Lokesh said that all the pending works will be completed in 10 days.

Twenty monkeys found dead in Bandipur

Around 20 monkeys were found dead inside a sack in Gundlupet taluk near Bandipur Tiger Reserve on Wednesday. On Wednesday morning, the zonal forest officers of the Gundlupet buffer area received a phone call. The caller informed the officials of the incident, stating someone has killed about 15 to 20 monkeys on the road from Kandegal to Kodasoga village and has dumped carcasses on the road. Based on the information, officials reached the spot with a sack full of 20 dead monkeys. Upon further inspection, 2 monkeys were found with weak pulses on a nearby tree and were immediately taken to the Gundlupet Animal Husbandry Department for treatment, where they are currently receiving treatment. The Assistant Conservator of Forests of Gundlupet called the Melukamanahalli Dog Squad personnel and carried out an emergency operation. While some footage from a CCTV camera installed in farmland was retrieved, the outcome remained inconclusive. **–BMB**

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Stampede: State contests reinstatement of ACP

The Karnataka government has filed a petition in the High Court challenging the Central Administrative Tribunal's (CAT) decision to overturn ACP Vikash Kumar Vikash's suspension following the Chinnaswamy Stadium tragedy that claimed 11 lives.

On July 1, BK Shrivastava and Santosh Mehra's coram determined that the suspension order lacked sufficient grounds and was issued mechanically.

"In view of this Tribunal, the (government) order Annexure - A3 has been passed in a mechanical manner and the order is not based upon convincing materials. The Police officers have been suspended without any sufficient material or grounds. Hence, the aforesaid order is liable to be quashed," the Tribunal had said.

The Tribunal instructed the State to restore Vikash to his position immediately.

The incident occurred on June 4 outside Bengaluru's Chinnaswamy Stadium, where 11 people died and 56 were injured in a stampede as crowds gathered to celebrate Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 victory.

Subsequently, the Karnataka government suspended five officers, including Vikash, B Dayananda, Shekar H Tekkannavar, C Balakrishna and AK Girish, for neglecting their duties during the incident.

After Vikash challenged his suspension at CAT on July 1, the State has now approached the HC to contest this ruling.

The State argues that the Tribunal made specific findings about the incident as if a departmental enquiry had concluded, despite insufficient evidence. This approach contradicts established principles regarding judicial intervention in suspension cases. The government asserts that the suspension order was confirmed by proper authorities based on initial findings and service rules. **–BMB**

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Young hearts at risk: K'taka probes rising cardiac deaths

Spike in sudden deaths among youth sparks statewide health audit; experts urge calm, lifestyle changes, and improved medical access

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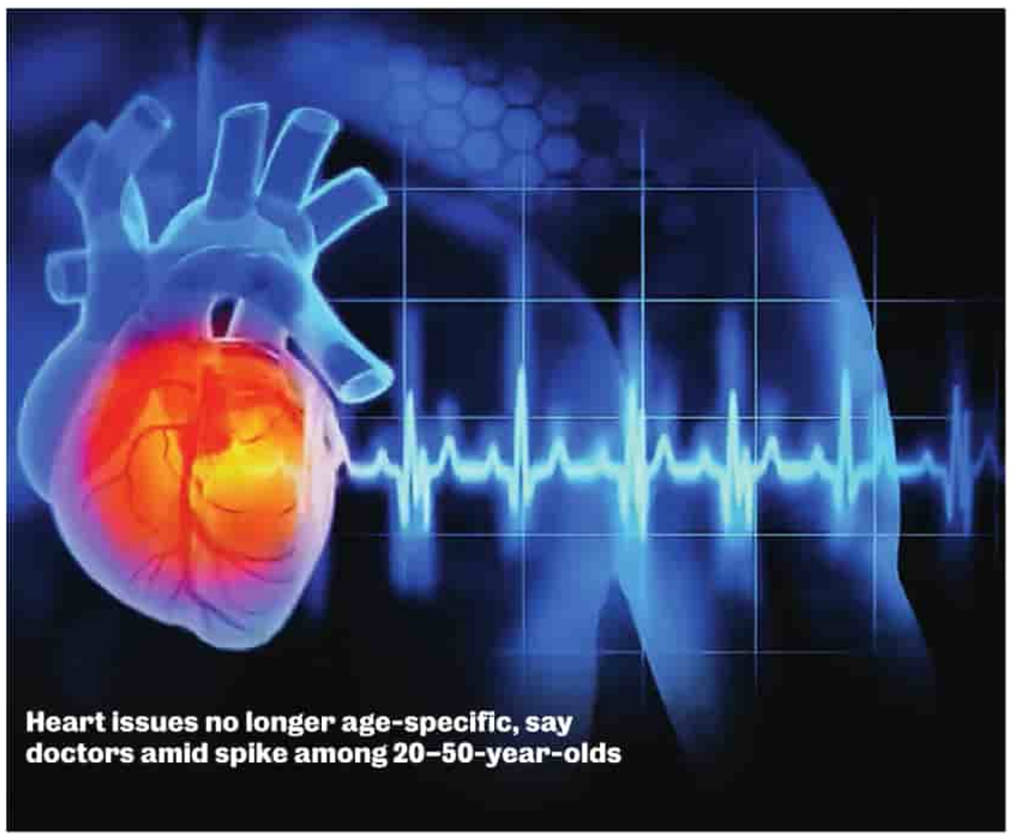
The recent surge in reported heart attack cases in Hassan district has caused widespread public alarm, with people rushing to hospitals fearing sudden cardiac issues. However, leading cardiologists and public health officials emphasise that while case reporting has gone up, actual incidence rates have not shown a dramatic spike.

The Karnataka government has constituted an expert committee, led by Dr. Ravindranath, Director of the Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, to investigate the situation and submit a report within 10 days. The move comes in response to growing concern after 24 deaths due to cardiac complications were recorded between May 28 and July 1. Of these, 16 individuals were aged between 20 and 50, five were below 20, and three were above 50.

While Hassan has drawn attention due to the cluster of recent cases, cardiologists clarify the problem is not restricted to one district. Across Karnataka including regions like Shivamogga, Dharwad, Tumakuru, and Mangaluru—doctors are reporting an increase in heart attacks among younger populations. Experts attribute this to a combination of high stress, sedentary routines, smoking, air pollution, and unhealthy diets.

Dr CN Manjunath noted that more heart attacks are now being observed in people as young as 35. He urged the public not to panic but to remain vigilant, adopt healthier habits, and undergo regular screenings.

On the ground in Hassan, health officials have begun visiting the homes of the deceased to collect detailed medical histories and assess lifestyle patterns.



Heart issues no longer age-specific, say doctors amid spike among 20–50-year-olds

"Heart attack cases among 35-45 age groups are increasing across Karnataka; awareness is crucial, not panic – Dr CN Manjunath

This is part of a broader effort to identify any commonalities or environmental triggers that could explain the sudden rise in reported deaths.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah acknowledged the seriousness of the situation in a statement on X (formerly Twitter), reiterating that the expert committee's findings would guide preventive measures across the state.

Doctors and public health experts stress the importance of awareness and preparedness over fear. A calm, informed response focusing on early detection, lifestyle correction, and improved access to emergency care is essential to tackling the silent but growing challenge of cardiovascular disease.

Key Reminders for the Public

- Stay alert to early symptoms like chest pain or breathlessness.
- Seek immediate medical help without delay.
- Increased media focus may make the issue appear larger than it is.
- Expand telemedicine and emergency services to rural taluks.
- Empower medical colleges to run screening and awareness camps regularly.

B'luru rural becomes north district

The Karnataka cabinet has taken a step towards administrative reorganization by renaming Bengaluru Rural District as Bengaluru North District. This key proposal was tabled at the state Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at the scenic and historic Nandi Hills on Wednesday. The move is being viewed as an important effort to ensure balanced development across the restructured districts—Bengaluru South and the proposed Bengaluru North. CM Siddaramaiah said, "The Cabinet has also resolved to obtain a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs to rename 'Bengaluru Rural District' as 'Bengaluru North District'."

If approved by the Centre, the renaming will mark a significant milestone in the administrative evolution of the Bengaluru region. Officials believe the new names will better reflect the geographical and functional structure of the city's expanding footprint, improving governance. Historically, the area functioned as a single unit—the undivided Bangalore District. It was later split into Bangalore Urban and Bangalore Rural due to increasing urbanisation. Ramanagara was subsequently carved out of Bangalore Rural, creating three districts.

With Ramanagara recently renamed Bengaluru South, the proposed renaming of Bengaluru Rural to Bengaluru North would complete the tri-district identity—Bengaluru Urban, North, and South.

The Cabinet meeting at Nandi Hills—once the venue for the SAARC Summit—also signals the start of holding meetings across districts to better address local issues.

The Cabinet also approved renaming Bagepalli as Bhagyanagara and Kalasipalya Bus Stand as 'Janopakari Shri Doddannashettar Kalasipalya Bus Stand'. — BMB

3 men booked for provoking false complaint

The Karnataka Police have registered an FIR against three men for allegedly provoking their female companions to file a false complaint against on-duty police officers after being caught for drunk driving, police said on Wednesday. The FIR was filed by Ashoknagar Police in Bengaluru. The accused have been identified as Varun, Sharan, and Niranjan.

Videos circulating on social media show the men arguing with the police, raising their voices, questioning the officers' actions, and demanding that they remove their masks. Officers are also seen pushing the men into a vehicle and questioning bystanders about their lack of support. The men have been booked under IPC Sections 132 (assault on a public servant), 221 (obstructing a public servant), 352 (provoking breach of peace), 351(1) and 351(2) (criminal intimidation), and 3(5) (common intention in a criminal act).

The complaint was lodged by Police Sub-Inspector Ravi from Ashoknagar Traffic Police Station. As per the FIR, the incident took place around 1 a.m. on the night of June 29-30 during a drunk driving check at Cash Pharmacy Junction. The accused arrived in a car with two women. Sharan, the driver, and Varun were found to have consumed alcohol. When police moved to seize the vehicle, Varun and Niranjan allegedly became aggressive, abused the officers, filmed them, and incited the women to file a false complaint. — BMB

New police post at MM Hills aims to curb poaching surge

The Karnataka Police have once again proposed the establishment of a dedicated police check-post at the Gopinatham-Palar junction, an ecologically sensitive area straddling forest and human settlements. This comes after the deaths of a tiger and four cubs in the Male Mahadeshwara Hills (MM Hills) Wildlife Division.

Preliminary investigations suggest the animals may have been deliberately poisoned, allegedly by locals or poachers, raising alarm among wildlife officials and conservationists. Forest officials recovered the carcasses earlier this month, and toxicology reports are awaited to confirm the precise cause of death.

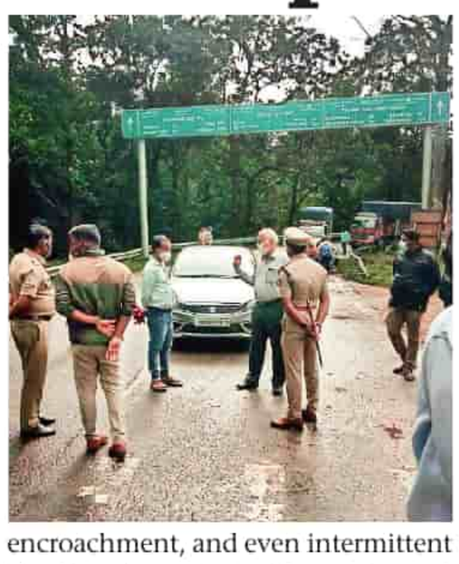
BM had reported on June 28 about police writing to KFD about the checkpost before the tiger deaths

The deaths have thrown a spotlight on long-standing vulnerabilities in the region's forest protection mechanisms. In response to what officials are calling a glaring enforcement lapse, the Karnataka Police have proposed setting up a new 15x15 feet police check-post at the Gopinatham-Palar junction. While a Forest Department check-post currently exists in the vicinity, the lack of a dedicated police presence has reportedly hampered joint enforcement efforts and rapid response to poaching threats.

The proposed unit will come under the jurisdiction of the Malai Mahadeshwara Betta Police Station and is aimed at bolstering coordination between police and forest personnel. Officials said the objective is to improve 24/7 monitoring of vehicle movement, enforce entry protocols into forest zones, and strengthen overall vigilance in poaching-prone stretches that share borders with Tamil Nadu. Wildlife conservationists have welcomed the move but cautioned that it must not become a token gesture. They pointed out that while the new post could improve deterrence, recent incidents reflect deeper flaws in intelligence gathering, patrolling, and inter-agency communication.

A senior police official said the mere presence of uniformed personnel can have a significant impact in sensitive zones. "Systematic checking of vehicles, increased visibility, and continuous patrolling can all help dissuade unlawful activity," the official said.

However, several experts have underlined that one additional check-post may not be enough to address the multifaceted risks facing MM Hills. The region is not only a critical wildlife corridor but also vulnerable to illegal trade in wildlife parts, forest



"The proposed check-post will enable effective monitoring of both routes, enhancing efficiency in curbing unlawful activities – Chamarajanagar SP Dr Kavitha

encroachment, and even intermittent Naxal activity. According to them, a minimum of three strategically located check-posts is needed for effective surveillance.

Chamarajanagar Superintendent of Police Dr Kavitha confirmed that the current check-post is situated on the Palar Road connecting to Tamil Nadu, while the Gopinatham route from Karnataka remains unchecked. "The proposed check-post will enable us to monitor both entry points effectively. It will enhance our ability to detect forest offences and intercept illegal movements," she told BM. "We are already working in the region, and this addition will boost our efficiency."

Conservationists insist that the success of the check-post will depend on consistent staffing, robust coordination, and strict protocols ensuring it doesn't devolve into just another roadblock. — BMB

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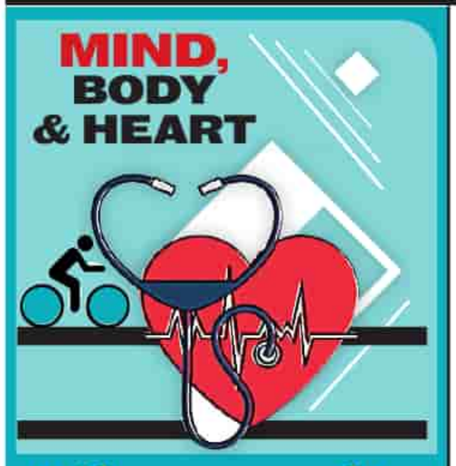

All you need to know about...

Low BP signs

1. Dizziness Or Light-headedness
Have you ever got up too quickly and thought your head was going to float away? Dizziness is one of the most prevalent symptoms of low blood pressure. It happens because your brain is not receiving enough blood flow in that moment.
Tip: Try drinking more water throughout the day to help avoid faint stimulation.

2. Blurred Vision
If your eyesight suddenly goes a bit fuzzy or you find it hard to focus clearly, your blood pressure could be dropping. Your eyesight needs a continuous blood supply to function properly.

3. Feeling Unusually Tired
That persistent, heavy fatigue even after a good rest is probably not just your busy schedule. Low blood pressure can lead to fatigue because your organs may not be receiving enough oxygen.
Tip: It might help if you're able to eat smaller meals more often!

4. Nausea
Do you feel nauseous or uneasy after standing for a period of time? If you suddenly feel queasy, a rapid drop in blood pressure may have slowed down digestion.
Tip: Be careful about standing up too quickly and always carry small snacks to balance blood sugar.

5. Cold, Clammy Skin
Has your skin suddenly become cold or sweaty with no clear explanation? It may be your body trying to defend their vital organs with blood pressure drops.

6. Feeling Very Thirsty
Ongoing thirst may mean your body is low on fluids and your blood volume has dropped, which is affecting blood pressure.
Tip: Carry a reusable water bottle and sip during the day instead of waiting until you re thirsty.

— Femina

DISTRESSED BY ALL BAD NEWS?

Here's how to stay informed but still look after yourself

If you're feeling like the news is particularly bad at the moment, you're not alone.

But many of us can't look away – and don't want to. Engaging with news can help us make sense of what's going on and, for many of us, is an ethical stance.

So, how can you also take care of your mental health? Here's how to balance staying informed with the impact negative news can have on our wellbeing.

Why am I feeling so affected by the news?

Our brains are wired to prioritise safety and survival, and respond rapidly to danger. Repeatedly activating such processes by consuming distressing news content – often called doomscrolling – can be mentally draining.

Unfiltered or uncensored images can have an especially powerful psychological impact. Graphic footage of tragedies circulating on social media may have a stronger effect than traditional media (such as television and newspapers) which are more regulated.

Research shows consuming negative news is linked to lower wellbeing and psychological difficulties, such as anxiety and feelings of uncertainty and insecurity. It can make us feel more pessimistic towards ourselves, other people, humanity and life in general.

In some cases, consuming a lot of distressing news can even cause vicarious trauma. This means you may experience post-traumatic stress symptoms such as flashbacks and trouble sleeping despite not being directly involved in the traumatic events.

But this doesn't stop us seeking it out. In fact, we are more likely to read, engage with, and share stories that are negative.

Is there a better way to consume news?

Switching off may not be an option for everyone.

For example, if you have friends or family in areas affected by conflict, you may be especially concerned and following closely to see how they're affected.

Even without personal ties to the conflict, many people want to stay informed and understand what is unfolding. For some, this is a moral decision which they feel may lead to action and positive change.

This is why, in research I co-authored, we suggest simply restricting your exposure to negative news is not always possible or practical.

Instead, we recommend engaging more mindfully with news. This means paying attention to shifts in your emotions, noticing how the news makes you feel, and slowing down when needed.

How to consume news more mindfully

When you plan to engage with news, there are some steps you can take.

- Pause and take a few deep breaths. Take a moment to observe how your body is feeling and what your mind is doing.
- Check in. Are you feeling tense? What else do you have going on today? Maybe you're already feeling worried or emotionally stretched. Think about whether you're feeling equipped to process negative news right now.
- Reflect. What is motivating you to engage right now? What are you trying to find out?
- Stay critical. As you read an article or watch a video, pay attention to how credible the source is, the level of detail provided and where the information comes from.
- Tune into how it's making you feel. Do you notice any physical signs of stress, such as tension, sweating or restlessness?
- Take time. Before quickly moving on to another piece of news, allow yourself to process the information you've received as well as your response. Has it changed your emotions, thoughts or attitudes? Did it fulfil your intention? Do you still have energy to engage with more news?

It may not always be possible to take all these steps. But engaging more mindfully before, during and after you're exposed to negative news can help you make more informed decisions about how and when to consume it – and when to take a break.

Signs the news is affecting your mental health

If you're feeling emotionally overwhelmed, you're more likely to have an automatic and emotion-driven response to what you're reading or watching.

Signs your negative news consumption may be affecting your mental health include:

- compulsive engagement, feeling like you can't stop checking or following negative news
- experiencing feelings of despair, hopelessness, or lack of motivation
- feeling irritable
- ifficulty concentrating
- fatigue
- strong physical symptoms (such as an upset stomach)
- trouble sleeping
- an increase in rash or risky behaviours, or behaviours you don't usually display when you're calm, such as panic shopping and hoarding following news about bad events.

What should I do when I'm feeling upset?

First, take a break. This could be a few minutes or a few days – as long as it takes you to feel emotionally steady and ready to re-engage with negative news.

You might find it useful to reflect by writing down observations about how news is making you feel, and keeping track of intense fluctuations in emotions.

It can also be helpful to connect with supportive people around you and do activities you enjoy. Spending time outdoors and doing hands-on tasks, such as gardening, painting or sewing, can be particularly helpful when you're feeling anxious or emotional.

But if you're feeling overwhelmed and it's affecting your work, life or relationships, it's a good idea to seek professional help.

By Reza Shabahang, Flinders University, The Conversation

Siddaramaiah slams railway fare hike, says common man will bear the brunt

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah criticised the Centre for increasing railway fares, saying it would burden students, daily wage workers, small traders, and the common man, while accusing the BJP of double standards for protesting against state government policies but remaining silent on the Centre's decision.

"Railway fares hiked!! Who bears the brunt? The daily wage workers, students, small traders, and the common man struggling under rising prices," Siddaramaiah said in his X post on Tuesday.

Demanding an immediate rollback of the hike, Siddaramaiah said he stood with the people of Karnataka and the country who are forced to pay more for essential travel. "This fare hike must be rolled back immediately. Don't make people's daily travel another jumla. Let the trains run, not the people's patience," he said.

He took a swipe at the Karnataka unit of the BJP, saying the party had no problem protesting against milk price hikes meant to help farmers but stayed silent on a decision that burdens ordinary people.

"When we increased milk prices to help our farmers, @BJP4Karnataka shouted in the streets and called it 'anti-people'. But now, when the @BJP4India-led Union government hikes railway fares, there is deafening silence. Why? Because this hike doesn't help farmers or the poor--it only helps the BJP government fill its own coffers," he added.

Siddaramaiah demands immediate rollback of hike, saying people forced to pay more for essential travel

Siddaramaiah also drew a comparison with the Bengaluru Metro fare hike, accusing the BJP of blaming the state government despite the hike being recommended by a central committee. —ANI

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WHO to document 'Asha Kirana' as global eye care model

The World Health Organization (WHO) has expressed interest in Karnataka's 'Asha Kirana' initiative, which provides doorstep eye care, and plans to share its success story with other countries and regions.

The WHO has proposed a comprehensive assessment of the initiative to further strengthen the programme and generate valuable insights and best practices for other regions aiming to implement integrated, people-centred eye care.

In a letter to Harsh Gupta, Principal Secretary of Health and Family Welfare, WHO Representative to India, Dr Roderico H Ofrin, appreciated the state government for conceptualising and effectively implementing the 'Asha Kirana' initiative.

"This innovative model, launched under your leadership, marks significant progress towards eliminating avoidable blindness and ensuring equitable access to comprehensive eye care across the state. We are particularly encouraged by how 'Asha Kirana' aligns with the WHO's Integrated People-Centred Eye Care (IPEC) framework," Ofrin wrote in the letter dated June 30.

Recognising its impact and scalability, the WHO expressed keen interest in systematically documenting the state's model.

Such an evaluation, Ofrin noted, will help strengthen the programme while providing lessons and best practices for other regions and countries. "We propose a comprehensive assessment using WHO's established tools, such as the Eye Care Situation Analysis Tool (ECSAT) and the Eye Care Indicator Menu (ECIM), to document processes, outcomes, and lessons from 'Asha Kirana'," he said. —PTI

Questions raised about monitoring of survey

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Authorities further clarified that the presence of a sticker alone does not confirm that the survey was completed—it only indicates an attempted outreach. Any SC household that has not been covered may still participate by scanning the QR code on the sticker and filling out a self-declaration form online at https://schedulecastesurvey.karnataka.gov.in/selfdeclaration/.

Residents at Haralur said that they were surprised to see stickers pasted on the doors without any data having been collected from them. They said what makes the stickers more confusing is that it actually states that the survey is completed. Then it goes on to give the helpline number and a QR code for people to participate in the survey online.

"Today morning many residents observed that these stickers were in front of their homes. These are survey competition reports, but none of the residents were asked or any survey done. The association was not at all aware of this," said Rupal Ralph, president, Reliable Lakedew Residency Owners' Association.

Padmavathy Rajmohan, a resident of Harlur, told BM that she was also surprised to see the sticker pasted on the door. "No one bothered to inform us about the survey. They did not collect any data from us. I do not know why they failed to contact us for the information," said Rajmohan.

Expressing a similar opinion, Shobha Rander, a resident on Church Street, Shantinagar, said that stickers were pasted on many homes without interacting with the residents. "I do not know why the people assigned with the survey work have pasted stickers without collecting any data from the residents," said Rander.

Blaming the BBMP for not monitoring the survey, Surya Kiran, a resident of Banashankari, said the survey work is limited to pasting stickers. "We were at home when the people assigned for the survey work visited our home and pasted the sticker. They did not bother to collect data from us," said Surya Kiran.

Clarification

The state government in coordination with the BBMP is currently conducting the Scheduled Castes (SC) household survey across BBMP jurisdiction across Bengaluru, to ensure every eligible household is included. "We understand that some residents have raised concerns on social media, TV news channels and our helpline, about survey stickers being placed on homes without prior interaction with the residents. We wish to clarify the following to address these concerns and ensure transparency," the clarification read.

Purpose of stickers: The stickers are part of the survey process to track and confirm that our teams have visited each household. This is to ensure no SC household is missed during the survey.

Need for interaction: Survey teams have been clearly instructed not to place stickers unless they interact with someone from the household. However, we acknowledge there may have been a few instances where this was not followed. Out of lakhs of houses surveyed, a few houses might have been missed by our enumerators.

What to do if no interaction happened: If a sticker has been placed without any interaction, please call our helpline at 9481359000 (the number is printed on the sticker itself). We will arrange for a visit to complete the survey properly.

Self-declaration option: Any SC household that has not yet been covered can also participate by filling a self-declaration form online. Simply scan the QR code on the sticker to access the link and submit your information.

Your Connect

REMEMBRANCE
SHARING MEMORIES

Rememberance

K V BHAT

03-July-2024

A year has passed by but you are still with us in our thoughts, actions, dreams and daily dialogues.

Missing you a lot!!.
Ashok, Preethi, Amrhutha, Axatha, Abhayarama

personal

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ARUNVIJAI SRIDHARAN S/o. Sridharan Ramarao, aged 47 years, Resident at T1, B 304, Mahendra Windchimes Apts, Arekere, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru -560076, have changed my minor Daughter's name from ANOUSHKHA ARUNVIJAI to A ANOUSHKHA, vide affidavit dated: 02.07.2025 before notary D. SARALA KUMARI, B'luru.

I, SYED ALTAF HUSSAIN, R/a.#648, 15th Cross, Pillana Garden, 3rd Stage, Kariyana Palya, Lingarajpuram, Bangalore-560084. I, have Changed my name to S ALTHAF HUSSAIN, Vide affidavit, dated 30/05/2025 Sworn before Notary: Y.R. Chandrasekarin. Bangalore

I, SAKINA SAIT, R/a.#2, Madiwale Building, Congress Road, Tilakwadi, Belagavi Karnataka-590006. I, have Changed my name to SAKINA KARIM SAIT, Vide affidavit, dated 02/07/2025 Sworn before Notary M. Rajendra Bangalore

I Mr. KIRAN IRAPPA GANESHWADI S/O Erappa Ganeshwadi R/O Adharsh Nagar, Gulbarga HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM KIRANKUMAR E G TO KIRAN IRAPPA GANESHWADI FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES

I, Gufran Ali Haroon Shaikh, residing at G-1, Koolz Golden Hill, 2nd Main Road, B.M. Krishnappa Layout, Shampura, Kavalbyrasandra, Bengaluru – 560032, declare that Shaikh Gufran Haroon and Gufran Ali Haroon Shaikh refer to the same person — myself. This is for all official and legal purposes.

I, ABHINAV, Resident at T1, B 304, Mahendra Windchimes Apts, Arekere, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru -560076, have changed my name to ABHINAV ARUNVIJAI, vide affidavit dated: 02.07.2025 before notary D. SARALA KUMARI, Bengaluru.

I, Gowramma Mahadevaraju Resident At No 85, 5th A Cross, Vidyagiri Layout, Chandra Layout Extn, Nagarbhavi Bengaluru- 560072, have changed my name to GOWRAMMA vide affidavit dated: 27.06.2025 Sworn before notary: S R Ravikumar, B'lore

I, Raja Kumar R/o No.3, 5th main, 8th cross, Sampangirama nagar, Bengaluru 560027 have changed my name to Raja Kumar Nagappan. I shall be called by this name for all purpose

I Tripti Srivastava Anupam Kumar W/O, Anupam Kumar Srivastava R/O B-307 DS Max Sprinkles Kodathi Village Sarjapur Road Bangalore 560035 have changed my name to Tripti Srivastava for all purposes.

I, Sumashree Ramachandra w/o Srinivas S B, R/o #54 1st Flr 2nd cross Navodayanagar Layout Pipeline Road, Shakambari Nagar J.P Nagar 1st Phase B'luru-560078 have changed my name to Suma R for all purposes.

I, Priya Jasmin R/o No.3, 5th main, 8th cross, Sampangirama nagar, Bengaluru 560027 have changed my name to Priya Jasmin Rajakumar. I shall be called by this name for all purpose

I, Shamantha s/o Ananda No.1404 Ground Flr, 12th Cross, 21st Main, HSR Lyt, Sector-1, Bengaluru 560102 have changed my name to Shamanth Salian Affidavit Dt.02/07/2025 notary Harisha G, B'luru

I, Murali Balgar Gururaj S/o Gururaj B-08 Eagleton Golf Village, Bidadi, Ramanagar-562109 have changed my name to Murali Balgar for all purposes

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80 BBMP structures identified as priority buildings

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with a sanctioned load of 10 kW or higher, representing approximately 90% of the total sanctioned load of all viable buildings.

If the project goes ahead, in case of the 443 viable buildings on the third-party investment model, the estimated potential of power generation has been calculated as 6.20 MW. Under the model, a third party will invest in, own, and maintain a solar power plant, and the buildings can purchase electricity generated at a lower rate than they would pay for grid electricity, without making any upfront investment. This will ensure a projected lifetime savings of Rs 33.52 crore and an annual CO2 emission reduction of approximately 6,428 tonnes.

In case BBMP takes on the responsibility of purchasing, installing, and maintaining the system, the required investment will be to the tune of Rs 18.55 crore and projected lifetime savings of Rs 136.58 crore. It will lead to an estimated annual CO2 emission reduction of approximately 3,778 tonnes.

Floating solar panels

The Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Ltd (KREDL) has informed the Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management Cell that funding is available for the implementation of floating solar panels in one lake as a pilot project.

Notably, the Climate Action Cell was considering installing floating solar panels on Yelahanka and Rachenahalli Lakes on a pilot basis.

The Floating Photovoltaic (FPV) panels of 3 megawatt (MW) capacity were supposed to be installed on 0.05 sq km out of the total surface area of 0.9 sq km of Yelahanka Lake and on 0.03 square km out of 0.3 sq km of Rachenahalli Lake, to generate 2 MW of electricity.

This was after a preliminary GIS-based assessment of lakes in the city was conducted by the Centre for Study of Science, Technology, and Policy (CSTEP). The assessment showed that 19 perennial lakes in Bengaluru can house FPVs with a total capacity to generate 20.8 MW of energy by covering a 1.25 sq km area.

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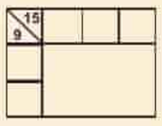
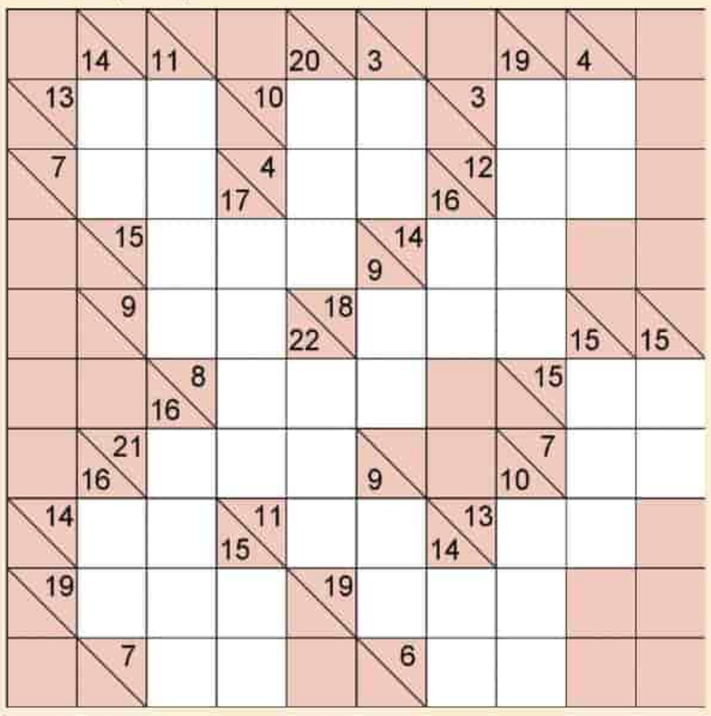
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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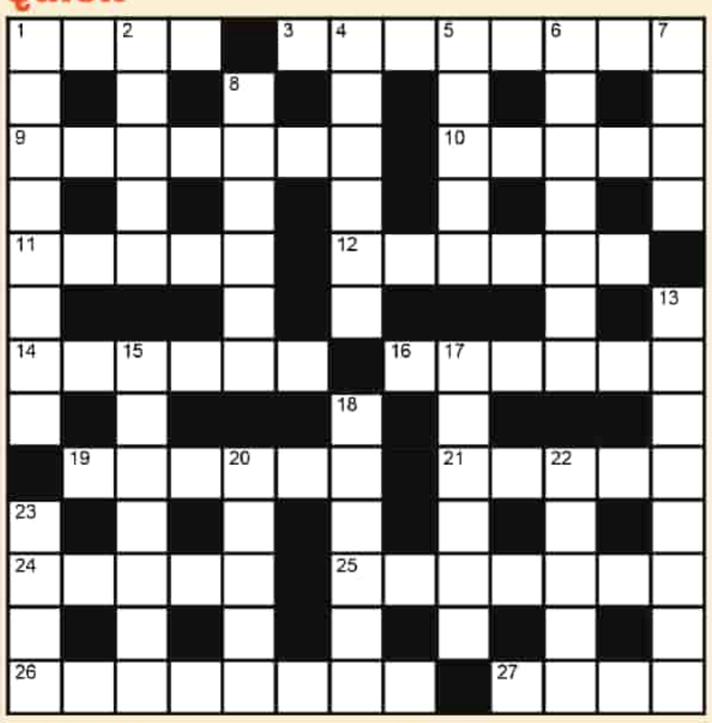


ACROSS

1 Sings wordlessly (4)
3 Was owned by (8)
9 Main towers of castles (7)
10 Vaults (5)
11 Religious practices (5)
12 Complete; whole (6)
14 Most recent ? (6)
16 Queen of Crime ___ Christie (6)
19 Distributed at regular or wide interval (6)
21 Governors' assistants (5)
24 Pungent spice (5)
25 Encased lamp (7)
26 Manner (8)
27 Ages (4)

DOWN

1 Tipu Sultan's father (5,3)
2 Giverny painter (5)
4 Simpler (6)
5 Start (5)
6 Make an attempt or have a bash at? (2,3,2)
7 Popular snack Masala ___ (4)
8 Beaches or sea shores (6)
13 Laments, dirges and even eulogies (3,5)
15 Final paint application (7)
17 Dad or mom's mom (6)
18 Befuddled (6)
20 Shoe gripper (5)
22 Dismal, gloomy (5)
23 Eight as a prefix (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: B EQUALS G

UZHXL VF MTXLVMB, NWX XT EVDZ UZCZHXZU HMU VMBE-TIVTWF VF XT UVZ UHVEP.

Linemaro

Are you looking for a shallow relationship?

Mindchow

Wise people are foolish if they cannot adapt to foolish people.

Joke of the day

Convict: The only man who likes to be stopped in the middle of a sentence

Loop

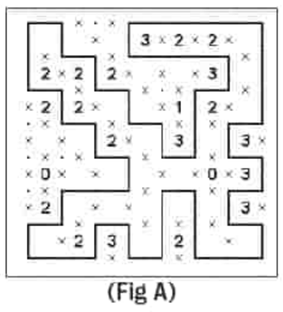
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

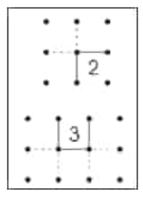
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

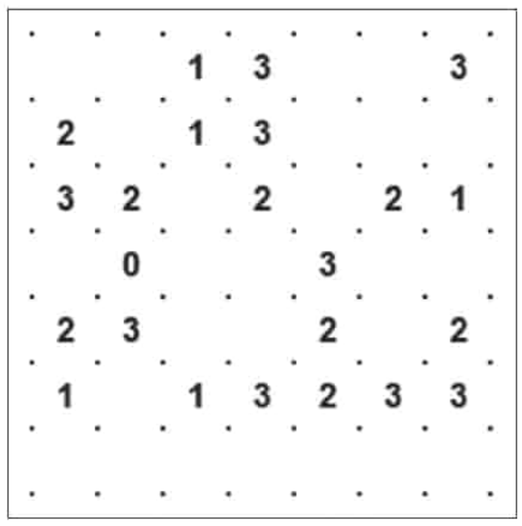
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



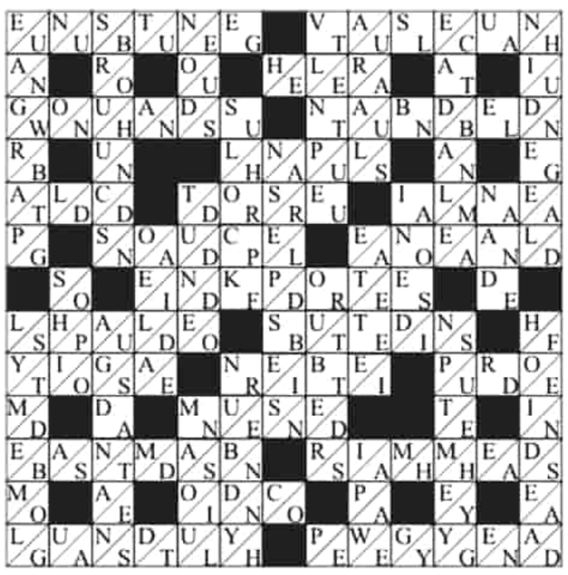
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7			G	
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Arcas; 6 Lush I;
7 Or hug; 8 Nu Ale;
9 Be irk

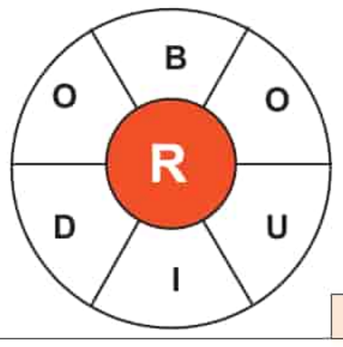
DOWN

1 Brush; 2 A oil I;
3 N luck; 4 Auger;
5 Hears

Mensapuzzle

Which of the bottom row of numbers replaces the question mark?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

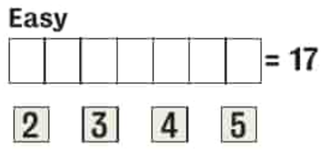
		2		3			7	4
			9			2		1
		7	1				3	
4			3					
7	3			8			1	9
					6			5
	6				2	4		
8		9			3			
3	2			1		7		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy



= 17

2 3 4 5

Medium

= 26

5 5 7 8

Hard

= 14

1 4 7 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

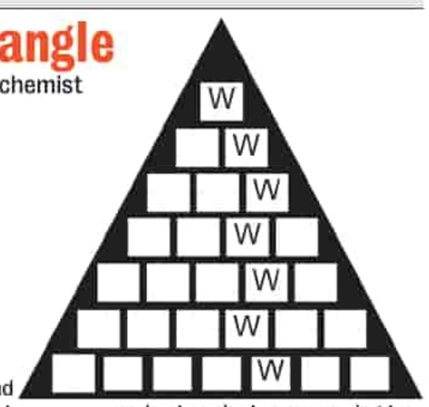
Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Pot handle is lower. 3. Waiter's lapel is missing. 4. Button is added. 5. Hat is reversed. 6. Waiter's thumb is moved.

Riddler

Can you figure out which well known oxymorons these words are? Ex) Initial facsimile = original copy 1) discovered lost 2) bigger part 3) sugary sour 4) sad humor 5) solitary in company

Alpha triangle

1 Tungsten for the chemist
2 An interjection
3 Witnessed
4 Tenets or rules
5 Talons
6 Moves slowly
7 Scribbles



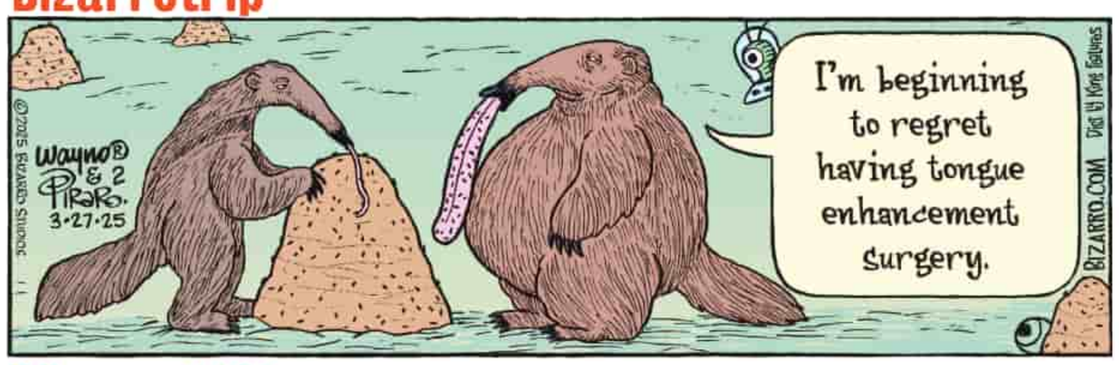
Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Popeye

Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

TWO MORE HALLWAYS AND I'M HOME FREE!
BEEP BEEP BEEP
OH, NO!!
0:00
PASS
CHARLOTTE
MY HALL PASS TIME RAN OUT! IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?
DODGE THE HALL MONITOR OR YOU'RE COOKED! AND ENJOY DETENTION! IT'S NOT AS BAD AS IT SOUNDS.

Crankshaft

THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A LOT OF SUPPORT FOR THE NEW SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION LEVY.
YEAH... I DON'T THINK IT HAS A CHANCE OF PASSING.
I DON'T KNOW...
I THINK THE SCHOOL BOARD IS THINKING THEY CAN PULL A GENIE OUT OF A RABBIT!
3-27

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may begin the day feeling positive and calm. Your patience will reflect in your professional approach, allowing you to enjoy your work. Optimism will guide your business decisions, and emotional bonding with your spouse will enhance family harmony. Job seekers might receive promising news.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
A productive day at work awaits. You'll perform well and may lead your team efficiently. Your focus and dedication may earn appreciation and possibly a promotion. Job seekers could find new opportunities, while singles might meet someone special at the workplace. Those in architecture, art, and trade will likely see favorable results.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Domestic matters may take priority today. You might be busy with your children and hear good news related to their education. You may also purchase creative items for your home or office to enhance your social image. Use discretion when shopping. Professionals in military, management, electronics, and medicine may experience success.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Dissatisfaction may cloud your day, and you may feel a lack of support from those around you. Patience is advised. Avoid impulsive investments and read documents carefully before signing contracts. Students are encouraged to study patiently and stay focused on their academics.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
The Moon's blessings will bring energy and focus. Your hard work may begin to pay off, leading to professional success. Support from colleagues is likely, and a short business trip may be on the cards. You may also receive good news from a sibling.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, family matters may demand your attention. You'll likely make important domestic decisions, but avoid unnecessary arguments to maintain harmony. Your intuition will guide you, especially in business or financial investments. By evening, things should settle down.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Chaotic situations are likely to stabilize, bringing mental peace. You'll manage to balance income and expenses, improving your financial health. Avoid excessive travel or overwork to protect your physical well-being. Students may start planning their academic future. Lovebirds will share joyful moments.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
The day will begin on a positive note, both at home and work. A long-pending payment might finally come through. However, by evening, a sense of unexplained worry or fear may disturb your peace. Meditation is recommended to calm your mind and support restful sleep.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
The Moon's blessings will lift your spirits. Disappointments may turn into joy as you refocus on your goals. You might channel your creativity into redecorating your workspace or home. A new romantic connection is possible. Lovebirds should avoid unrealistic expectations, and students are advised to stay grounded in their studies.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
You may have a busy day at work. Strong communication skills could help secure a major deal, boosting your business. A meeting with an influential person may open doors for future growth. Family support will be crucial in work-related decisions. In love, be mindful of your words to avoid misunderstandings.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today brings strong support from your parents. You may see success in projects tied to government or administration. Your rapport with senior officials will likely improve, bringing benefits at work. A work-related overseas trip may be planned. Health-wise, stay hydrated and include citrus fruits like lemon in your diet.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
You may feel uneasy or burdened by unexplainable fears today. Negative thoughts and impatience could hinder your decision-making. Seeking blessings from elders will help clear mental blocks. Avoid investing in stagnant or non-productive assets. Lovebirds should steer clear of trivial arguments.

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SOLUTIONS

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1296 – 720 = 576

BULL'S EYE
bird, boon, BOUDOIR, brood, door, dour, drub, odour

STRIKE OUT

U	N	S	U	N	G	■	V	U	L	C	A	N	■	■
N	O	■	O	■	H	E	R	■	A	■	U	■	■	■
R	■	N	■	H	A	U	L	■	A	■	G	■	■	■
W	O	U	N	D	S	■	N	A	B	B	E	D	■	■
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O	■	E	■	I	N	C	■	P	■	E	■	E	■	■
L	A	S	T	L	Y	■	P	E	G	G	E	D	■	■

FAST FIVE

S	A	C	R	A
H	I	L	U	S
R	O	U	G	H
U	L	N	A	E
B	I	K	E	R

QUOTE UNCODE
Death is nothing, but to live defeated and inglorious is to die daily.

QUICK

A	T	T	I	T	U	D	■	E	R	A	S	■	■	■
T	■	A	■	A	■	E	■	Y	■	A	■	G	■	■
C	L	O	V	E	■	L	A	N	T	E	R	N	■	■
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MENSA PUZZLE
22. On each row of the diagram, the value in the centre of each row equals the sum of the other numbers in the row, subtracting 2.

RIDDLER
1) found missing,
2) larger half,
3) sweet tart,
4) tragic comedy &
5) alone together

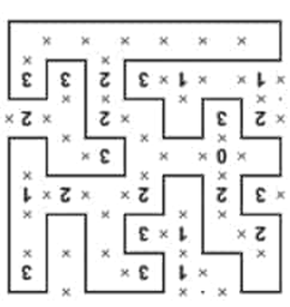
SUDOKU

1	8	2	6	3	5	9	7	4
6	5	3	9	4	7	2	8	1
9	4	7	1	2	8	5	3	6
4	9	6	3	5	1	8	2	7
7	3	5	2	8	4	6	1	9
2	1	8	7	9	6	3	4	5
5	6	1	8	7	2	4	9	3
8	7	9	4	6	3	1	5	2
3	2	4	5	1	9	7	6	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
W, Aw, Saw,
Laws, Claws,
Crawls,
Scrawls.

GO FIGURE
5 × 2 + 3 + 4 = 17
Medium
5 × 5 + 8 – 7 = 26
Hard
3 + 4 + 7 × 1 = 14

LOOP



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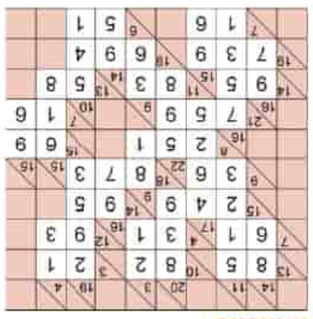

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An honour — Actress Gillian Anderson was honoured with the CineMerit Award at the Munich International Film Festival. She said, "I feel unbelievably honoured. I'm a bit of a hermit, so when these things happen, it feels like they are even more shocking..."

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DAILY STRUGGLES

PC reveals occupational hazards an actress has to face

Priyanka Chopra recently gave fans a candid peek into the chaos behind the glitz and glamour of stardom. The global sensation shared a humorous video detailing the everyday hurdles she faces as an actress. Fans and followers could not stop praising her for offering such an honest take on celebrity life.

Priyanka created an Instagram reel highlighting the daily struggles she endures as an actress.

"I'm an actress. Of course my nail falls off right before the red carpet. I'm an actress. Of course my belt falls off on stage in front of everyone. I'm an actress. Of course my plus one stole my love. I'm an actress. Of course I'm promoting my summer blockbuster in midsummer heat wearing Fall/Winter 2025 Burberry." She narrated all the little mishaps that occurred during her film's promotional period. The reel was captioned, "I'm an actress." Nick Jonas also made an appearance in the video when she said, "I'm an actress. Of course my plus one stole my love." Priyanka is currently busy promoting her upcoming action film Heads of State. She has been turning heads with her stunning appearances, particularly during the London premiere of the film, where she stole the spotlight in a vibrant purple fringed maxi dress. Earlier, she shared a playful moment with Nick, as the couple were seen grooving to Camila Cabello's 'Bam Bam'. —ETimes

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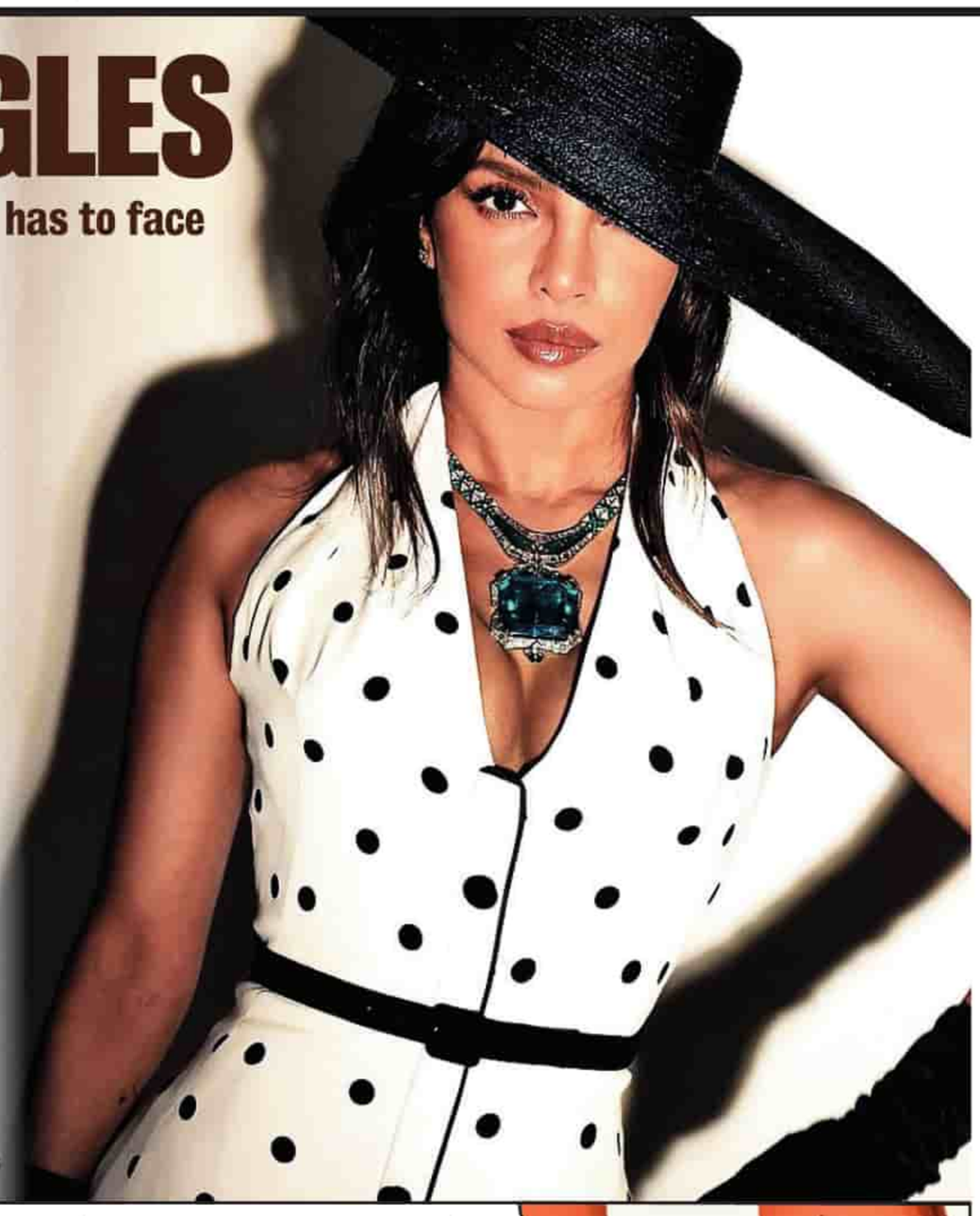

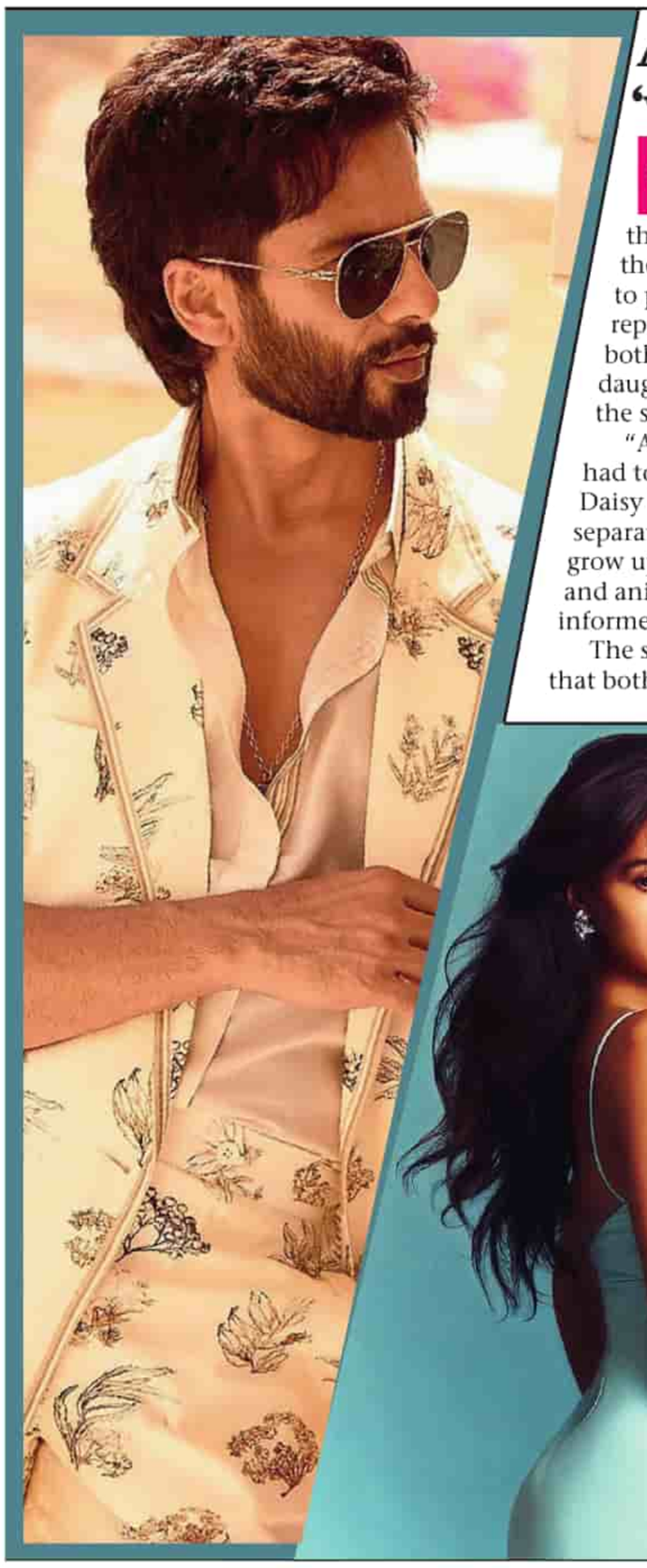

Amid split, Katy, Orlando 'want to protect' daughter

Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom have called off their relationship. Amid the split, they both "want to protect" their daughter, reported People. They both are prioritising their daughter Daisy, 4, as per the sources.

"At a certain point, they had to admit it's better for Daisy to see their parents separately, then she won't grow up feeling the tension and animosity," a source informed, reported People.

The source further shared that both Perry and Bloom want to "protect" their daughter against "anything adverse."

"They are there for Daisy and have been,"adding, "Daisy is their angel, and they want to protect her from anything adverse," a source informed the outlet. The insider added, "They want to keep a friendly relationship so each can be around her separately or together."

"She's happy and just focused on her tour. Her daughter is with her and they're sightseeing and having fun," a source informed People.

Katy shared her first social media post since the news of her split from Orlando Bloom emerged, reported People.

A source confirmed to People that the couple, who got engaged in 2019, have decided to part ways. —ANI

Two to tango

Shahid Kapoor, who made his last appearance in the film 'Deva' earlier this year in January, is now fully engaged in his upcoming project with director Vishal Bhardwaj. Sharing the screen with Triptii Dimri, this much-anticipated movie is slated to hit theaters on December 5, 2025.

According to Pinkvilla, Shahid is gearing up to film two consecutive dance sequences for this commercial action film. Adding an exciting twist, Disha Patani will feature alongside him in a special cameo, much to the delight of fans.

The report mentions that elaborate sets have been specially designed for two high-energy dance sequences. Audiences can anticipate vibrant, crowd-pleasing performances. This project also marks the debut of Shahid Kapoor and Disha Patani sharing the screen. Both songs showcase the dynamic choreography and catchy rhythms Shahid is famous for, each with its own unique style but united by their broad popular appeal.

The report further added that Shahid and Disha will feature together in a song for the very first time ever. Fans are in for a visual treat. They're bringing serious style and energy to both tracks.

Shahid Kapoor has consistently impressed audiences with his portrayal of complex and fine characters.

Expectations are high for his latest film, especially given the strong track record of his collaborations with Vishal Bhardwaj. —ETimes

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

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Stunt to direction

Stunt masters, choreographers, lyricists, music directors, and heroes have tried their luck with direction. Joining the likes of stunt masters Thriller Manju, Ravi Varma, and Jolly Bastin who proved their mettle by handling megaphone for a few movies is Kaurav Venkatesh. Earlier, Kaurav Venkatesh was to direct Cocaine that went on floors last year.

And now he will direct Paina that is being bankrolled by R Kanishka and R Vedik under the Kanishka banner. Till date, Venkatesh has worked as a stunt master for around 1,800 movies.

The muhurat function of Paina was held at Sri Ganesh Temple, Saanegurvanahalli. Dr Leela Mohan and Chirag Chalukya are playing the lead roles while Madhushri and Tapasvi Basavaraj are the heroines. Director Yogaraj Bhat will play a Muslim leader while Rangayana Raghu plays the role of a vastu consultant.

Dream come true

With the wrap up of the shooting of Thippaarallili Thimmana Haadu, two people have realised their dreams -- Girish Prakash Bhasme becomes a hero and assistant director K Mohan Kumar debuts as a director.

"I have played small character roles in a few Kannada movies, including the movies H2O and Kalasipalya. I met director K Mohan Kumar in Bengaluru more than two decades ago. He was an associate director for Kalasipalya. He advised me to improve my acting skills to become a hero. I assured him that I would bankroll a movie under his direction. Now, I am very happy to become a hero and to help Mohan Kumar become an independent director by bankrolling this movie under the Sri Danamma Devi Films banner," said Bhasme.

He said that he owns a steel business in Belagavi. "We completed the shooting of this movie in 15 days in Ramanagar, Mysuru, Handalagere, and Bengaluru. We are making arrangements to release it across the state shortly," he said. The movie's trailer was unveiled at Sri Renukamba Preview Theatre recently.